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**Statement in Response to President's Decision  
to Sign Shays-Meehan**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following statement was released by the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives:

“We are deeply disappointed by the President’s announcement last night that he intends to sign the Shays-Meehan Campaign Finance Reform Bill.

“We believe that then-Presidential candidate George W. Bush had it right when in response to the question posed by George Will, ‘Would you veto the McCain-Feingold bill or the Shays-Meehan bill?’ he stated, ‘Yes, I would.’

“We further believe, as we have indicated in numerous letters to the President, that the Shays-Meehan bill violates the six principles outlined by the President himself in a letter to then-Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott in March of last year.

“With the President’s decision to sign this bill into law, it is now up to the courts to protect the Constitutional right to free speech and association.”

--Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN)

--Rep. John Doolittle (R-CA)

--Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO)

--Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO)

--Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC)

--Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)

--Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)

--Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R-MN)

--Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ)

--Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

--Rep. Don Manzullo (R-IL)

--Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA)

--Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA)

--Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI)

--Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

--Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)